

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for and method of accommodating an XML document within a legacy
5 data base management system. The XML document is defined by a Document Type
Definition (DTD). The XML document is converted into a form suitable for use by the
legacy data base management system in accordance with an Input Definition Table (IDT).
The IDT is a table containing a plurality of sequential text statements which define the
conversion process. The IDT is stored within a repository of the legacy data base
10 management system.